

THE ILLINOIS AFTER-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Capacity Work Group Minutes August 18, 2005

Work Group Members in Attendance: Jackie Thurnau, *Action for Children*; Kris Sallee, *Cass County Health Department*; Carole Franke, *I-Kan - Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education*; Amy Tippey, *Tazewell County Health Department*;

Partnership Staff: Jennifer Becker Mouhcine, Hester Richardson

Training Meeting Update: Jennifer updated the work group on the plans for the statewide Training meeting, which will take place on September 1st in Bloomington. Trainers from various related disciplines will convene to get some initial data from our workforce survey, to map out the types of training they conduct by topic and region, begin to identify the gaps in training and major training needs, and make plans for continued work toward building a system. We expect about 30 –40 people to attend.

Professional Development Resources—Group Reports

The Training Needs and Trends subgroup presented a draft of the materials they have written up thus far. They have included information on some training delivery systems and competency information as well as some additional training resources in the form of videos and the like for face-to-face training opportunities. The MSAC competencies, the Teen REACH benchmarks, the Youth Program Standards and Pennsylvania Pathways were all recommended for sections in this document. There was a list of general resources on afterschool as well. Along with the competencies, there is some information on teaching strategies that could be included.

We are building a broader training inventory from our work and the training meeting. The group agreed that the Training Resources section should have a synopsis of the different programs, have someone to contact for each trainer to access additional information.

Credentials Chart Review: The group is making sure that the same questions are answered for each Degree, Credential or Certification. We have collected some additional training information and some on program wide accreditation, that we can work into the document in other sections. We are still identifying if there are certain staffing requirements for major programs in Illinois to include as an information piece.

Survey Update: Data has been entered in and we have nearly 300 respondents. We now have someone looking at the data and cleaning it up to help with analysis. We are starting to highlight what data is important to report, and what ways to “slice” the data to learn best from it. Jennifer will send out the raw data (not to be cited) to get input from the group about where to focus reporting.

Website Update: The website is in progress, with the design being completed, and initial content drafted and posted, more is being added in terms of content and features which is taking some time. There are going to be message boards on the website to help everyone communicate via the web on various topics and by communities as well. There will also be a standard listserv for meetings and conferences, etc. We have a wide list of resources to post, and once they are all up, we will have everyone look through it for additions, etc.

Next work Group Meeting
September 26, 2005 from 10-11:30 (note: was rescheduled to Oct. 26th)